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TO : Assistant to the Director (Col. Hansen)

FROM : Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT:

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The attached clipping from the Washington Star of 12 May is self-explanatory. You will recollect that the Committee staff requested us to give them a copy of the Yale University study at the time that the President commented on it in issuing his security order and I rejected their request. In the course of a formal investigation into the entire security problem, however, and particularly any investigation into the best methods for protecting military information without depriving the public of information they should have, the Committee may renew their request for release of the Yale study, as well as information as to how CIA handles the problem of public information.

Five Senators to Probe Effect of Truman News Security Order

By the Associated Press

A special Senate subcommittee is expected to undertake an investigation into the effect of President Truman's controversial security order on Government news.


The committee will include Senators Moody, Democrat, of Michigan; Monroney, Democrat, of Oklahoma, and Schoeppel, Republican, of Kansas, and two others yet to be named.

Chairman Hoey of the Senate Investigations Committee is to name the other two members of the group.

The inquiry was proposed by Senator Moody, who was a newspaperman here until his appointment as Senator last year.

He suggested the investigation should cover these points:

1. Whether any censorship is depriving the public of information to which it is entitled.
2. The application of the security order and its effect on the dissemination of public information.
3. The functions of Government information offices.
4. What methods can best be used to protect the Nation's actual military secrets without keeping information from the American people for any other reason.



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